Constitution of second State Reorganisation Commission

1830. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to constitute a second State Reorganisation Commission (SRC);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As of now, no decision has been taken in this respect.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Militants modules to attack IMA

1831. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prior to Ayodhya attack by the militants two of the three modules were sent from Pakistan to attack IMA in Dehradun and Wipro or Infosys in Bangalore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the information on the aborted attack was conveyed to Pakistan President in Delhi in April; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There were intelligence inputs suggesting that LeT network had made plans to *inter-alia* attack IMA, Dehradun and IT companies in Bangalore. However, the said plans of the terrorists were foiled by the security forces by busting of an LeT module in Delhi on March 5,2005 in which 3 terrorists were killed and 5 others arrested.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, the issue of cross border terrorism was raised with the President of Pakistan during his visit to New Delhi in April, 2005.

Medical Visa

1832. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to grant 'Medical Visa' to foreigners visiting the country for medical treatment;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what safeguards are taken to ensure that the 'Medical Visa' is not misused, particularly for anti-national activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Instructions have been issued on 21.06.2005 to all Indian Missions/Posts abroad regarding introduction of a new category of visa called 'Medical Visa' (M-Visa) to the foreigners coming to India for medical treatment in reputed/ recognised/specialized hospitals/treatment centres in India.

Indian Missions/Posts abroad, on receipt of such applications from foreigners for Medical Visa, are required to scrutinize the medical documents very carefully and satisfy themselves about the bonafide purpose for which the visa is being requested. The initial period for such a visa has been kept as one year or for the period of treatment whichever is less. The period of such visa can be extended for further one year by the Foreigners Regional Registration Officers (FRROs)/State Governments on production of medical certificate/advice from the reputed/recognized/specialized hospitals/medical centres, where the treatment is being taken. Any further extension will be granted by the Ministry of Home Affairs only on the recommendations of the State Governments/FRROs supported by appropriate medical documents.